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**Weekly Standard:**

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## Feeling Sorry for the EPA

It's time to regulate 'chemtrails'

3:28 PM, AUG 11, 2015 • BY JIM SWIFT

These days, it's hard to feel sorry for the EPA, but a public hearing that aired on CSPAN Tuesday morning may spur some sympathy.

The hearing was on carbon emissions standards for commercial airplanes. The hearing had many witnesses, including one Kate DeAngelis from Friends of the Earth. She was there to urge the EPA to regulate not just those big bad airplanes of the future, but the airplanes of now.

Following DeAngelis was Amanda Williams Baise from Virginia Beach, Virginia. She was also there to discuss the serious threat of airplanes to our health: but to her, the emissions from planes are far more nefarious than greenhouse gases. That's because planes emit "chemtrails."

Chemtrails, of course, is a perjorative term for condensation trails (contrails) worried about by conspiracy theorists who think the trails of condensation left by jets flying over us are actually the government testing chemicals on the populace. The "theory" grew in prominence, and started lighting up Capitol Hill switchboards, after it was espoused by Caitlin Jenner's daughter Kylie.

I'm reminded of a letter, part of which I remember verbatim, from my time on Capitol Hill. "I read all about those experiments in the internet. It is scary."

Naturally, the EPA has debunked this conspiracy in a handy fact sheet. Yet, upon embarking upon this regulation of airplane-emitted greenhouse gases, New York Magazine teased in a headline: "EPA This Close to Admitting Kylie Jenner Was Right About Chemtrails."

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**Washington Times**

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2015/aug/11/airline-carbon-emissions-limit-urged-by-environmen/?page=2>

## Environmentalists urge hard line on airline industry pollution

GOP: Carriers have already reduced pollution

By Ben Wolfgang - The Washington Times - Tuesday, August 11, 2015

As the Obama administration moves ahead with regulations limiting emissions from aircraft, environmentalists are urging the federal government to take a hard line on the airline industry as part of the broader effort to combat climate change.

The Environmental Protection Agency on Tuesday held a public hearing on the proposed rules at its Washington headquarters, inviting airline industry representatives, state government officials, environmental activists and others to speak about what would be the first regulations in U.S. history limiting aircraft emissions.

Aircraft are the third-largest source of U.S. greenhouse gas pollution, the administration says, though they emit much less than power plants and automobiles.

The EPA already has targeted power plants, with its recently released Clean Power Plan, and the auto industry through tough fuel-efficiency standards.

Now the agency is eyeing restrictions on aircraft and could release new regulations as soon as next year. Supporters of the EPA's climate agenda argue those regulations must make clear to the rest of the world that the U.S. will lead on climate change.

"The United States must shoulder the greatest share of the burden for making emission reductions," Kate DeAngelis, climate and energy campaigner with Friends of the Earth, told EPA officials at Tuesday's hearing. "In order to achieve the necessary emissions reductions to avert catastrophic climate disruption, the United States must take significant strides to reduce carbon pollution from every sector of the economy, including aircraft."

Tuesday's hearing came amid turmoil at the EPA. The agency is under intense fire following last week's release of the Clean Power Plan, which limits carbon emissions from power plants. Critics say the plan will kill jobs and slow economic growth, and federal data has shown the proposal will raise electricity rates.

The EPA also is taking heat after an agency-led crew last week accidentally dumped more than 3 million gallons of toxic fluid from a Colorado mine into the Animas River.

Still, agency officials are pressing ahead on the regulatory front.

But as the EPA finalizes aircraft restrictions, industry leaders say the agency must keep in mind that airlines have made dramatic improvements in pollution control and fuel efficiency in recent decades without government interference.

"As the record of our members demonstrates, we take our role in controlling greenhouse gas emissions very seriously," said Nancy Young, vice president of environmental affairs for Airlines For America, the industry's leading trade group.

“The industry has improved fuel efficiency by 120 percent since 1978,” Ms. Young said at Tuesday’s hearing.

Indeed, some Republican lawmakers on Capitol Hill and other critics contend that new EPA regulations are unnecessary because the industry has made such significant improvements without government mandates. They also argue more EPA rules likely will result in higher airfares for consumers.

Moving forward, it remains to be seen whether the agency will craft its own independent rules or whether it will seek to join the U.S. to an international set of standards still under consideration. A United Nations agency is working to craft a set of worldwide emissions limits, and the administration could commit the U.S. to those standards.

The EPA also could move ahead with its own regulations, though nation-specific aircraft limits are seen as much less effective at controlling global emissions.

In the past, the White House has been skeptical of joining with other nations to impose emissions targets.

Three years ago, the administration fought off the European Union’s attempt to impose pollution restrictions on all flights coming in and out of Europe.

The EU eventually abandoned the plan for flights to or from non-European countries — a concession that largely was the result of heavy pressure from the U.S.

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C-SPAN video of EPA Hearing on Commercial Aircraft Emissions <http://wp.me/p1hWtl-vR>

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EPA Hearing on Commercial Aircraft Emissions. (Several chemtrail researchers and activists testified and submitted... <http://dlvr.it/BpxDnD>

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#EPA Hearing on Commercial Aircraft Emissions

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#chemTrails #GOP #climate

WHAT ABOUT MILITARY AIRCRAFT?

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@KenCaldeira you missed some beautiful idiocy from the EPA hearing. #caku

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Politico

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## Morning Transportation

By JENNIFER SCHOLTES 8/11/15 10:01 AM EDT

With help from Alex Guillén, Heather Caygle and Kathryn A. Wolfe

**EPA DELIBERATES AIRCRAFT EMISSIONS RULES:** During the EPA's public hearing this morning on the agency's proposed endangerment finding for aircraft, there probably won't be much debate about the conclusion that plane emissions contribute to climate change. Instead, the focus will be on the second half of the EPA's approach: Just how should the administration regulate emissions from aircraft given the global reach of the industry? Those in the aviation world hope the agency will stick to whatever goal ICAO lands on next year, while some environmentalists are pushing for the U.S. to take a more stringent glide path. A refresher on the proposed endangerment findings: <http://politico.pro/117JUqW>.

The hearing starts at 10 a.m. at EPA headquarters. For those grounded outside the Beltway, there's a listen-only line: 866-299-3188, code 1433527160. Comments on the proposal are due Aug. 31.

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**SkiesOverNassau @skiesovernassau**

FIRST EVER @EPA hearing on Jet #pollution listen to testimonies conference bridge 866-299-3188 code 1433527160# @mikesara444 speaks #autism

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**Dana Feingold @danafeingold**

Listen in on the @EPA public hearing on proposed #aviation GHG emissions #endangerment finding: 1-866-299-3188, conf. code 1433527160

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@EPA aviation GHG hearing conference line is a disaster. Poor connection + people un-muted and making all kinds of noise

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**Kate Colwell @K8Colwell**

@ValerieVolco Hi Valerie, covering EPA airplane carbon hearing today? Would love to send you enviro testimony. kcolwell[[@](mailto:kcolwell@foe.org)]foe[[dot](mailto:kcolwell@foe.org)]org

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[@EPA](#) hearing on Commercial Aircraft Emissions – LIVE online here: <http://cs.pn/1IHqyd7>

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**Energy Guardian**

<http://energyguardian.net/epa-holding-first-hearing-regulating-airplane-carbon>

## EPA holding first hearing on regulating airplane carbon

By Kevin Rogers on August 11, 2015 (45 min ago)

Fresh off of finalizing its plan to slash power plant carbon emissions, the Environmental Protection Agency is holding its first public hearing Tuesday on its new effort to regulate aircraft emissions.

The hearing at EPA's headquarters will give stakeholders their first chance to address the issue since the agency proposed an endangerment finding in June designating airplane carbon

emissions as a threat to human health.

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Great, thanks! The Colorado clips are a little more important but if you can do both (or hand off to Kristiene after her meeting), that would be awesome

On Aug 11, 2015, at 10:28 AM, Bressler, Lindsey <[Bressler.Lindsey@epa.gov](mailto:Bressler.Lindsey@epa.gov)> wrote:

--sorry to send so many emails, but I'm going to start pulling clips for you right now!

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Hey Lindsey! I'm hoping you can help pull clips and tweets today (please pull and send to me as they post) on the aircraft public hearing. You can use google news to search epa, aircraft, or aircraft public hearing. Also, the following media is here so please check their Web sites:

Cspan  
Bloomberg BNA (this is a subscription so please ask Dan Abrams if you don't have access)  
Washington times

And please pull any tweets. Here's more details on the hearing in case it's helpful:

OTAQ and OAP are co-chairing the August 11th public hearing to receive comments from interested parties on the "Proposed Finding that Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Aircraft Cause or Contribute to Air Pollution that May Reasonably Be Anticipated to Endanger Public Health and Welfare and Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking," which was published in the Federal Register on July 1, 2015. The public comment period on the proposal will close August 31, 2015.

Thank you!!